

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Laura M. Schillinger

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 8, 2004, for which the one-month date for response is December 8, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/H2022. In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.111200.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement and identified seven alleged species. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's election requirement is

improper. The assignee of the present application has paid a substantial filing fee for this

application. It is believed that the various "species" identified by the Examiner are not legitimate

species designations. The alleged species identified by the Examiner are not so unrelated as to

make prior art searching unduly burdensome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the

restriction requirement is improper for at least this reason. Applicants respectfully request

withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute

claims 1-18.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any

questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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